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Share! #Durham field crews now in neighborhoods studying streams for @DurhamStormH2O#EnoRiver Watershed Improvement Plan http://bit.ly/2jo9jlU

Durham Field Crews Study Eno River for Watershed Improvement Plan

Public Invited to Comment on Map of Selected Study Segments

DURHAM, N.C. – If you live near the Eno River watershed in Durham, you may notice field crews now at work as they conduct stream assessments to study the Eno River and its tributaries.

These scientists and engineers are recording details about stream banks, aquatic life, and water chemistry that will inform later phases of the City of Durham's Eno River Watershed Improvement Plan. The team plans to cover 72 miles of stream over the next 20 days. Field workers will wear safety vests and carry identifying credentials as well as have project information sheets available upon request.

According to Project Manager <u>Sandra Wilbur</u> with the <u>City's Public Works Department</u> <u>Stormwater & GIS Services Division</u>, public input is a key component of the watershed plan and residents are now invited to view the map and provide input about the <u>selected stream segments</u>. "Posting the map for comment is just one step we are taking to involve our residents in this project," Wilbur said. "When people share observations about their neighborhood streams, it enriches the process and enhances the final plan."

Residents can read more about this project and receive updates by visiting the <u>project Web page</u> as well as the division's <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Twitter feed</u>. For additional information, contact Wilbur at (919) 560-4326 ext. 30286 or by email.

About the Public Works Department Stormwater & GIS Services Division

The <u>Stormwater & GIS Services Division</u> with the City of Durham <u>Public Works Department</u> is guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u> goals of Stewardship of City's Physical and Environmental Assets as well as Innovative and High-Performing Organization. Activities include storm drainage design and plans review; inspecting and maintaining City-owned drainage systems; enforcing stormwater ordinances and regulations; education and outreach; stream monitoring, restoration, and watershed master planning; maintaining multiple layers of the City's geographic information; and stormwater billing. To learn more, visit the <u>Web page</u>, like on <u>Facebook</u>, and follow on <u>Twitter</u>.

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